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SUBJ: IMCO ASSEMBLY: POTENTIAL JURISDICTIONAL CONFLICT
BETWEEN IMCO AND ILO

1. DR. F. L. WISWALL JR., MEMBER OF LIBERIA DELEGATION,
WHO ALSO WAS PRESENT AT GENEVA OCTOBER 1975 ILO PREP
CONFERENCE FOR 1976 MARITIME CONFERENCE, ADDRESSED IMCO
ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE TWO AND RELATED FOLLOWING FACTS
BEARING ON IMAO/ILO JURISDICTIONAL RELATIONS ON MARITIME
MATTERS.

2. ILO PREP CONF HAS DEVELOPED PROPOSED CONVENTION RE-
FERRING TO TWO APPENDICES CONTAINING ILO SOCIAL INSTRU-
MENTS AND IMCM SAFETY INSTRUMENTS. DRAFT CONVENTION
WOULD REQUIRE GIVING EFFECT TO ALL SUCH CONVENTIONS, EVEN
IF NOT CONTRAATING PARTY, AND SUBMITTING COMPLIANCE RE-
PORTS ON THESE CONVENTIONS TO INT'L LABOR OFFICE.

3. IN LIBERIA VIEW, ILO VIOLATING INT'L LAW AND INTER-
AGENCY PROTOCOL. WISWALL VIGOROUSLY PROTESTED THIS
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ACTION ON BEHALF LIBERIA AND URGED COMMITTEE TO RECOMMEND

THAT ASSEMBLY EXPRESS SOLE COMPETENCY FOR ALL INSTRUMENTS FOR WHICH IT IS DEPOSITORY.

4. US IMCO ASSEMBLY DELEGATION CONCERNED AT PROSPECT OF JURISDICTIONAL CONFLICT BETWEEN IMCO AND ILO WHICH WOULD INTER ALIA LEAD TO DEGRADATION OF IMCO ABILITIES TO OBTAIN TIMELY AND EFFECTIVE REPORTS CONCERNING COMPLIANCE WITH IMCO SAFETY CONVENTIONS.

5. REQUEST DEPARTMENT AND GENEVA ADVISE IMCO DELEGATION ASAP IF LIBERIAN CONCERNS ARE SHARED BY US ATTENDEES OCTOBER 1975 ILO PREP CONFERENCE. IF NOT, PLEASE ADVISE OF AMELIORATING ASPECTS.

6. UNLESS INSTRUCTED OTHERWISE, DELEGATION WOULD EXPECT SUPPORT LIBERIAN RESOLUTION ON IMCO COMPETENCY FOR INSTRUMENTS FOR WHICH IMCO IS DEPOSITORY.

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